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**Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Optimized Multi-Epitope Constructs and Uses Thereof**  
Inventors: SETTE *et al.*  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Electronic Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$60.00 to cover the one month extension of time fee for a small entity;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a); and
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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